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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Thomas J. Bachinski et al.

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For : MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND
FASTENERS

Group Art Unit : 3731

Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza

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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005,
applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of
this application in light of the following amendments and
remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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